PROMINENT MEN ON THE ANXIOUS **BENCH JUST NOW**

Cabinet Builders Are Very Busy Picking Out Taft's Helpers In Office

SLATE IS BEING MADE UP BY EXPERT POLITICIANS

Secretary Wilson Will Be Retained In Office, But Secretaries Wright and Garfield Will Be Succeeded In Office By Others.

builders at the national capital and those who have moved to Georgia as a part of the entourage of President-elect Taft are succeeding in placing on the anxious bench public men in all sections of the country who have been looked upon as that George W. Wickersham of New York spect to making offers. is the choice of Mr. Taft for Attorney General, indicates that the slate is be- tablished somewhere on the New Enging made up rapidly and that an an- land coast is the earnest hope of the nouncement of the entire cabinet may be President-elect. He tonight said that he

expected before many weeks. among Mr. Taft's close friends in Wash- were being made at present, it was the ington there seems to be a reasonable desire of himself and brothers to find certainty that Secretary Wilson will con- some place on the New England coast tinue for a year or more at the head which would as near as of the agricultural department; that Sec- cate the very desirable retary Garfield will retire from the cab- family had so long enjoyed during the inet; that Judge Richard A. Bailinger of summer months at Murray Bay, Canada, Seattle, Wash., will be given a place, There each of the Taft brothers have probably that of Secretary of the Interior; cottages. If the appropriate place can of getting it repealed or amended."

that Luke E. Wright will retire from the be found and earnest efforts to this end. After the services Mr. and Mrs. Taft will be made later, the four brothers, met many of the church people and spent diplomatic service, and that an Ohio man William H., Charles P., Henry W., and will be given the position of Secretary Horace D., will locate together, that of the Treasury. For these posts no selections have been made definitely, although Mr. Taft has men in mind for

Within the last few days the name of Charles Nagel of Missouri has been discussed in connection with the secretaryship of the department of commerce and labor. It is known that at one time Judge Taft thought very strongly of naming Nagel as Attorney General, but

Loeb, Jr., secretary to President Roosevelt; Oscar Straus, who now has the portfolio, and George A. Knight of California, It is not believed here, however, that two places will go to the Pacific coast. Probably the most difficult place re-

maining to be filled is that of Secretary of the Treasury. Among the Ohio men mentioned are former Gov. Myron T. Herrick and Representative Burton.

Charles Magoon, now governor of Cuba, is heard frequently.

Philander Chase Knox will, when he enters Taft's cabinet as Secretary of State, be the third Pennsylvanian to eccupy the post and no doubt his friends will see a hopeful augury in the fact that one of his Pennsylvania predecessors as well as five others afterward attained to James Buchanan, who was the premier fo the Polk administration from 1845 to was elected chief executive in Secretary of State we Jeremiah S. Black who succeeded Lewis Cass of Mich-igan in the office toward the close of Euan's administration in 1860 Jefferson, Madison, Munroe, the second

all served as Secretary of State before being elected to the presidency. As a general thing, however, cabinet portfolios have proved ruinous to further olitical advancement. With the excep-Munroe and Grant who served as war under Madison and Johnson attained the presidency. Undaunted, how-Pennsylvania will continue to boom Knox for 1916. He will be 63 in that

Van Buren, Buchanan and Taft

REHEARING WILL BE GIVEN TO ROAD

Chlcago, December 20 .- At the request of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Hot Springs, Ark., where he will spend several weeks. railroad the interstate commerce commission has agreed to grant a rehearing of the case in which that body ruled against the railroad's right to transport free of charge supplies to hotels along its lines, with which it has contracts. When the rehearing will be begun is not stated. The ruling, if adhered to, it is said, would make it impossible to maintain more than ten hotels which have been established between Chicago and the Pacific coast with a view of taking care of trans-continental travelers on the Santa Fe route. The railroad company explained that it was found impracticable to carry diners clear across the continent, and that it had to provide the botels for the convenience of the public. Many of the hotels are located in sections which are practically deserts and consequently the supplies have to be carried a long dis-

Million Dollars A Day Uncle Sam's Sugar Bill

Every Average American Citizen Eats Half His Weight in Sugar During the Year-Amount of Sugar Used Last Year Greater Than Ever Before-Imports Also Greater.

gathered by the bureau of statistics show that the average American citizen con- brought from our island possessions was umes half his own weight in sugar every

A statement issued by the bureau reads more like popular fiction than the ordi- decade, and the per capita consumption nary government report. The total consumption of sugar in the United States in 1907, which is the latest year for which statistics are available, reached the almost unthinkable figure of 7,089,667,975

The statement shows that 21.3 per cent, or in round numbers 1,511,000,000 pounds of the sugar consumption of the country was of home production; 17.7 per cent, or 1,-254,000,000 pounds, was brought from our insular possessions, and the remaining 61 per cent, or 4,367,000,000 pounds, came from foreign countries. Forty-three million pounds was the aggregate of the exporta tion of sugar from this country

Washington, December 20 .- Cold figures | product imported from foreign countries was larger than ever before: the quantity year, and Uncle Sam's sugar bill aver- | quantity produced at home exceeded that of any other year; the quantity exported was larger than in any year of the past was the largest ever recorded, an average child of continental United States.

An equally interesting feature of this record year of 1907 was the fact that the production of beet sugar for the first tim exceeded the production of cane sugar the product of the year being: Cane sugar, 544,000,000 pounds; beet sugar, 967,000,000

The world's production has practically doubled in the past 20 years, having grown from 17,000,000,000 pounds in 1887 to 32,000,000,000 pounds in 1907, and while the United States consumed about 18 per cent of the total world's production of 1887, it consumed 22 per cent of the greatly increased production of 1907. Beets now supply one-half of the grand total produced, while 20 years ago they supplied

Taft Denies Making Up Cabinets For Present

Augusta, December 20.-The President- 1 lly life and association may be carried aspirants for portfolios or whose qualifi- elect said tonight that he was still incations have been urged by admiring nocent of being the source of "inspired" The announcement of the ap- or "authoritative" cabinet stories. His pointment of Frenk H. Hitchcock to be cabinet, he said, had acquired no addi-Postmaster General, followed by that of tional members since the Knox announce-Senator P. C. Knox to be Secretary of ment, no offers of positions were pending, State, and the generally accepted report nor had he made any decisions with re-

That a Taft summer colony may be eshad no intention of summering on Long From a discussion of the cabinet slate Island; that while no active endeavors a post in the will be made later, the four brothers, their outdoor exercise and congenial fam-

on as it has been beretofore. Mr. Horace Taft owns a place at Wainscott, L. I., but the President-elect said tonight that this was not a desirable place for the plans contemplated, thus confirming what Mr. Horace D. Taft has said

President-elect and Mrs. Taft attended services today at St. Paul's Episcopal church, which was established in its present location in 1735 by the Church of England, which at the time owned the entire site of the city of Augusta. The Rev. Dr. Whitney, the pastor, preached a temperance sermon, as did all other local ministers here today. The laxity of enforcing the state prohibition laws of Georgia is given as the cause of the cru-sade in Augusta. Dr. Whitney frankly admitted the law to be "bad in part, drastic, and in some respects fanatical," nevertheless, he said, "it is the law and ought to be obeyed. If it is a bad law, its rigid enforcement is the surest means seme time in the ancient graveyard, where are tombstones nearly two centuries old. An automobile ride with Mrs.

General Antoine Simon Takes Oath Of Office

naming Nagel as Attorney General, but Prince, December 20.—Gen. An-should be made to forward the agricu-hensfble, had not been specifically for that after he considered Wickersham toine Simon, the newly elected President tural and commercial interests of the bidden by law. Such investigations have more adaptable to the purposes of that de- of Hayti, took the oath of office at 10 o'clock this morning at the palace, where Other names heard in connection with a special sitting of the legislative bodies ment. that department are those of William was held and in the presence of the foreign diplomats, the officers of the American and Italian warships and the Haytien officials of state. He repeated the oath in a strong, clear voice. Senator Paulin, who presided at the session of congress which elected General Simon President, officiated and demanded that the President repeat the constitution and the other laws of the republic.

General Hippolyte, the minister of the For Secretary of War the name of interior, who responded in behalf of Gen-

country and to take measures to insure economies in carrying on the govern-

in the salon, M. Carteron, the French minister, addressed the President on behalf of the diplomatic corps and officially presented the respects of the foreign ministers. M. Claude, minister of foreign affairs, gave assurances of the intention of the government to maintain the most cordial relations with all the nations. President Simon then attended a serwas sung, afterward proceeding on horse-back, followed by a brilliant escort, through the principal streets of the city eral Simon, promised that every effort where he was acclaimed by all.

Washington, December 20.—(Special.)— SOME LIVE NEWS OF CENTERVILLE

Centerville, December 20.-(Special.)the presidency. This Pennsylvanian was The Friday Night Literary and Social club | Jay Smith, president and general manof Centerville met in the parlors of the Wadsworth hotel Friday night. The since 1862, died at his home in Dobbs meeting was one of the most delightful Ferry tonight. Major Smith has been chang of Venice" was studied. Miss Beu- | operated on for cancer of the stomach, lah Avery read a most interesting paper on Bassanio, and a character sketch interest in daily events. of Portia was beautifully portrayed by Miss Addie Veazy. Hon. S. D. Logan in a thoughtful manner discussed the character Shylock. An oyster supper was served the members of the club in the hotel dining room.

> nent business men in Memphis, Tenn., is on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Luman Handley Nunnalee of this place. Miss Lucy Beck who is a student of

C. H. Russell, one of the most promi-

Shorter college at Rome, Ga., is at home for the holidays with her parents, Col. and Mrs. G. M. Beck. Miss Bettie Pratt. daughter of Judge W. L. Pratt, came Friday from the Jud-

son college to spend Christmas holidays.

Hon. S. D. Logan and Hon. J. T. Fuller spent most of this last week in Birmingham attending United States court. Judge W. L. Pratt left yesterday for

Arrangements are being made for an elaborate Christmas tree at the court house here to be given by the several Sunday schools of this place. Circuit Court Clerk R. L. Avery has the affair

in charge. Merchants here say that trade is very Merchants here say that trade is very dull indeed for the time of year. Rev. Mr. Riffe recently of St. Joseph, Mo., arrived in Centerville Thursday and will have charge of the Baptist church

Water Too Low for Steamers.

Memphis. December 20 .- On account of the continued low water in the Mississippi river it has been decided by the Lee line management to discontinue the St. Louis packets until a more favorable stage presents itself. In accordance with this decision the Peters Lee, which was to have been the packet in that trade Monday, will not go out.

MAJ. O. J. SMITH DIES IN NEW YORK

New York, December 20.-Major Orlando ager of the American Press association ones in the history of the club. The "Mer- | ill since September at which time he was but throughout his illness he retained his

Major Smith, founder and president until his death of the American Press association, was a prominent figure in American journalism for 40 years. As head of the largest newspaper syndicate in the United States he held relations with publishers throughout the country Few men were better known in the new

After active services in the Civil War. in which he rose from rank of private to major, and a brief experience in cotton planting in Mississippi, Major Smith became editor of the Mail of Terre Haute, Later he bought the Express of Terre Haute, removing the paper in 1873 to Chicago. In 1882 he founded the Amer ican Press association, and from that time until his death Major Smith was the active head of the association. Major Smith is survived by a son, Courtland Smith, who is vice president and assistant general manager of the

Railroad Man Dead.

New York, December 20 .- John Shelby Barrow, assistant general passenger arent of the Erie railroad, died today at his home in Newark of heart failure, following Bright's disease. Major Barrow, who was born in Baton Rouge, La. 57 years ago, had been with the Erie for 10 years. His early railroading experience was with the Chicago and Northwestern.
Mr. Barrow leaves a wife and five children. The burial will be in Nashville.

Suicide In Jacksonville.

Jacksonville, Fla., December 20.-A welldressed man, supposed to be R. A. Martin of New York city, committed suicide in front of 711 Davis street today. The identity of the sulcide was learned from a key ring found by the police. Martin was stopping at a local hotel and no motive is ascribed for the deed.

HARRIMAN SASE DISALSUINTING

Interstate Commerce Commis sioner Clements Speaks

Mr. Clements Says That Questions of Great Importance Are Decided In the Answer Made to Harriman In the Rate Case

disappointment was caused at least three mission by the recent decision of the United States supreme court declaring that E. H. Harriman should not be required to answer the questions of the commission concerning certain dealings in stocks, is shown in an interview with Judson C. Clements, one of three commis sioners who conducted the hearing at New Orleans in the matter of lumber

In deciding the case of E. H. Harriman and Otto H. Kahn of New York against the interstate commerce commission, the supreme court held that the comcific case concerned dealings in stocks between the Union Pacific and other roads. Both Harriman and Kahn, the latter a banker, refused to make responses when the subject was under investigation in New York

Following the announcement of this de cision, the interstate commerce commis sion was credited with having anticipated the opinion of the court. This is denied by Commissioners Clements, Clark and Harlan.

"It is not true, as has been reported, that the interstate commerce commission had anticipated a reverse decision o that it regards as of little importance cept in proceedings on complaint for specific violations of the act or for investigations of a like cause," said Commissioner Clements. "The questions involved were not, as has been said, merely 'acad emic' but they were of great practical importance.'

position to be clearly in the line of its duties and within the purpose and intent of the law. No desire to criticise the court is entertained, but, manifestly, the scope of effective inquiry and disclosure will be greatly hampered and narrowed by this decision. The wholesome effects of nvestigation have often been seen in the ussipation of methods and practices, which, though unjust and even reprealso demonstrated the need of amendments to the law, as well as the form they should take, and that, too, without nent.

Later at the reception which was held all compared with the harm to the public resulting from the evil practices disclosed These investigations have also pointed the way to a more effective administraon of the law than would otherwise have

There are many thoughtful persons who believe that publicity which discloses any evil and indefensible practice, in the management of corporations engaged in a bus-iness which is affected with a public invice at the cathedral, where the Te Deum terest, is even more efficacious against wrong-doing than formal rules of regula-tion. It is difficult to overestimate the portance of full publicity in these mat ters, which can never be had except upo cognizant of the facts and transactions which are the subject of inquiry.

"Many schemes of manipulation in the

stocks and bonds, as well as the ance of the same, which, though not ex-pressly forbidden by any law, greatly complicate the just determination of the uestions affecting the rights of shippers and the public in general, as well as investors, are possible, and have often been practiced, as shown by previous in-

The foundations for the successful proceeding of the government Northern Securities case was laid in an investigation of this kind, begun upon an order of the commission substantially milar in all respects to the one upon

Changes in United States Senate. Prominent men on anxious seat regard Taft's cabinet.

Million dollars a day for sugar Views of great nations on international Allowances for transfer are rebates. Taft denies making up cabinet list.

General Simon takes office. Page 2. Burglars still busy in Atlanta. Patrick Kieran had big scheme. Campaign to rout the boll weevil.

Page 3. Law and Order league meeting. Betts succumbs to knife wounds Tennessee man sees apple show. Dedication of normal school. Brakeman killed between two cars.

Page 4. Editorial comment.

No insurance in Panama.

Page 5. East Birmingham under a delusion, says Jere King.

Jones makes bond in sum of \$5000. Birmingham had very busy week with Mississippi editor dies suddenly in Bir-

Game department has big surplus in Stocks decline during week. Page 7.

More questions for Roosevelt. Page 8. Burns will meet negro Saturday. May further open the football game, England resents Uncle Sam's abuse,

Views Of Great Nations On International Law

Subjects Handled by the United States Are Acts of Warships in Seeking Neutral Port in Time of War and Picking up of Fighting Soldiers During an Engagement.

London, December 13 .- The views of ships of the United States of America the 10 powers, the delegates from can seek asylum during war in a neu which are assembled here to decide trai port subject to the limitations proupon a code of laws for the interna- scribed by the port authorities. tional prize court provided for at the cidedly bulk volume. Some of the powers, like Japan, have submitted their proposal in the briefest form, while others, notably Great Britain, support their views with arguments and references to difficulties which British

The United States, too, has gone into detail on the various subjects which she thinks should receive consideration, while Germany has submitted a draft code of laws.

The United States, Great Britain and Japan are agreed on the majority of

Such ships must conform to the regu lations of the port authorities, regarding length of stay and interval to be observed before going to sea in pur-suit of any enemy or after deperature of the enemy's ship.

Merchant ships, yachts or neutral vessels carrying or picking up beiligerent wounded, sick or shipwrecked, should not be captured on account of such acts, but should still be subject to capture for any violations of neuto capture for any violations of neu-trality they may have committed, Mer-chantships under escort of warships of their their own nationality should be ex-empt from the right of search on proper assurances being given by the

commander of the convoy.

The American views also contain proposals as to contraband and the methods of blockading which are similar to those put forward by Great

Allowances Made For Transfer Are Rebates

cision made public today the interstate commerce commission declares the transfer of that allowances for sugar from refineries to the trains are has been made."

This important determination was is concerned brings to an end a conwhich has long existed between the refineries in New York and those in Philadelphia.

The investigation of the subject was egun by the commission on its own initiative. No complaint was filed, but what was regarded as the injustice and illegality of the allowances for transfer or cartage were called to the attention of the commission with a view to eliminating them. In its decision the commisison lays down four general conclusions as follows:

own motion in the same manner and "2. It is not a part of the carrier's

duty to bear the expense of transfer of goods from the shipper to the carrier. reached by the commission only after For carriers to undertake to compensate shippers for performing services which the shippers are legally bound to do for themselves is for the carriers violate the act.
"3. The publication of gross and net

rates would needlessly add to the com-plexity of tariffs. Wherever it is possible for carriers to file a net rate as such it is their duty so to do. "4. The allowances here considered are rebates, and violate the law. No order is issued, but the carriers are ex-

pected to conform to the law without delay. 'No order will be made at this time, the report concludes, "but the commis sion will expect the carriers in question at once to conform their tariffs and

practices to the principles here an nounced.

No Insurance Carried On Panama Buildings

million dollars worth of buildings owned by the United States government in the Panama canal zone, not one cent of insurance is carried. The government has spent \$10,250,000 in buildings in the zone, which takes no account of those purchased from the French nor of the property in the buildings. The only protection against fire which the government has for these buildings scattered along a line 50 miles in length is the precautionary measures taken, and in the fire department which has been developed to a splendid state of efficiency. In every large village on the isthmus fire companies have been organized.

In all there are 3338 buildings owned by

STAR WITNESS IN

construction. Precautions against fire are vada; Overman of North Carolina; Smith taken from the beginning, for no build- of Maryland and Stone of Missouri. building or within 50 feet of a two-story

Frequent inspection is made by a paid fireman in all buildings at least three times a week. Regulations forbidding the collection of inflammable material in or near buildings are strictly enforced. Fires are no more frequent in the dry than in the rainy season, so well are the precautionary rules enforced.

the canal zone on December 1 consisted of wages of the paid firemen are \$100 a month thereafter. The volunteers are paid \$1 an hour for their services when the isthmian canal commission. With but called to a fire and during drills.

STANDARD OIL DIVORCE TRIAL

Baltimore, December 20.-(Special.)-Mrs. Tabitha Wilson was the star witness yesterday in the divorce suit brought by which he named former United States Senator Wellington as co-respondent. It had been testified to by Miss Lillian Davis that she had seen Wellington with his arm about Mrs. Wilson and that upon his hat, coat, collar and shoes. To all these Mrs. Wilson entered a sweeping denial and placed the blame for all her troubles on Miss Davis.

She testified that her husband had placed a revolver at her head and threatened to shoot her if she did not desist in her efforts to have Miss Davis get out of the house. It was proven by other witnesses that Miss Davis spent most of her time at the home of the Wilsons. The wife told how her husband had attempted to starve her into submission and how he had failed to provide for the support of her child.

Mrs. Wilson's forder fatified that Mr. Wilson lived at his home before he mar-ried his daughter, but that he never paid any board and that the suit he wore at wedding and the gifts he gave daughter had been bought on the install-

Fight on Tuberculosis. New York, December 20 .- Record-break

ing attendance continue to mark the progress of the sessions of the international tuberculosis exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History. A feature of today's meeting was an address by Nathan Straus, who declared that in the fight against the great white plague two definite barriers, so strong that they cannot be circumvented, must be erected. These, he declared, were a ban on the hibition of the use of the designation "pasteurized" on milk that has not been pasteurized, but merely preserved.

End of a Long Life.

Dunkirk, N. Y., December 20,-William Ives, 105 years old, died at his home in Fredonia today after a brief illness. He was a vegetarian and never required the services of a doctor until within the last few months.

INVADES LONDON

London, December 20 .- Great interest is being expressed in London at the enterprise of the Anglo-American Oil comher husband, Dr. P. B. Wilson, Jr., in pany, which is the name of the principal British branch of the Standard, in most exclusive and aristocratic sections of the West End. The company is starting the erection of two large buildings another occasion she had seen the former fronting on the south side of St. James senator go to Mrs. Wilson's room minus | park at the entrance known as Queen Anne's gate. The park is faced on the west by Buckingham palace, while the foreign offices, the admiralty buildings and a group of residences of high officials overlook the opposite end.

The ancient St. James palace, Marlborough House, the residence of the Prince of Wales, Clarence House, the Duke of Connaught's home, and Carlton House terrace, where the German embassy, the Potter Palmer and other notables are situated, range along the north side of the park. The Standard's buildings are on the south side, opposite the German embassy and command a fine view of the ponds and walks.

The Standard is the first commercial firm to gain a foothold on St. James park, and undoubtedly it paid well for the premises it will occupy.

YOUNG MEN HELD FOR RIOTING BUT ALL DENY THE CHARGES

Waycross, Ga., December 20.-Five young men well known in this county have been arrested on warrants charging rioting as the result of the bombardment through which the little town of Beach, 19 miles from here, was compelled to go Friday night. The men are Stewart Lee, Jack W. and Robert Sweat, Robert Lee and Lee Smith.

The warrants were sworn out by Leonard Taylor, the father of Miss Haggie Taylor, who was badly wounded by a bullet from one of the rioters' pistols. The preliminary hearings will be held on Friday at Beach. The quintet have given bond and each accused man makes sweeping denials of the charges. Miss Taylor, while seriously hurt, is said to have an excellent chance of recovery.

UNITED STATES ARE NUMEROUS

Scramble Will Be Made In Pennsylvania for Knox's Place By Three Aspirants

SEVERAL REPUBLICANS DEFEATED IN PRIMARIES

A Democrat May Be Chosen for the Senate In Oregon and a Landslide for the Legislature In Indiana May Elect John Kern.

Washington, December 20 .- While terms of 31 Senators, more than one-third of the entire body, expire on March 4, next, is of this number already have been reship of the several state legislatures charged with the duty of electing Senators before the beginning of the next Cengress. In addition to the vacancies occurring by reason of a provision of the coming resignation of Senator Knox to accept the portfolio of Secretary of State in the Taft cabinet. There will be a scramble between prominent republicans of Pennsylvania for Mr. Knox's seat, which will occasion public interest equal to the contest going on now in Ohio for the seat of Senator Foraker, and in Connecticut for the seat of Senator Brandegree. That Secretary Root will be given the New York senatorship now held by Senator Platt is conceded, and a con-

test is not expected. The republican Senators, whose terms expire at the end of the present Congress, but who are sure of being returned are Cummins, of lowa, now serving out the unexpired term of the late Senator Allison; Dillingham of Vermont; Galilinger of New Hampshire; Heyburn of Idahe; Hopkins of Illinois; Penrose of Pennsylvania; Perkins of California; Smoot of Utah, and Stephenson of Wisconsin. Democratic Senators who will be returned are Clark of Arkansas; Clay of Georgia; Gore of Oklahoma; Johnston of Alabama; Me-Washington, December 20 .- On the many | few exceptions these are of light frame | Enery of Louisiana; Newlands of Ne-

> By reason of defeat in primary contests, Senator Ankeny of Washington will be succeeded by Representative Wesley L. Jones; Senator Hansbrough of North Dakota, by M. N. Johnson of Petersburg, N. D.; Kittredge of South Dakota, by Gov. C. I. Crawford, and Long of Kansas, by Joseph N. Bristow, former fourth assistant Postmaster General. All of these men are republicans, and in adbe succeeded by Governor Chamberlain (democrat), who was victorious in what

system of the state.

Of the democratic senators whose terms expire on March 4, Gary of South Carolina will be succeeded by E. D. Smith of Co-lembia, and Milton of Florida by Duncan U. Fletcher of Jacksonville, both of the incompants having declined to be candidates for re-election. Offsetting the Ore-Gov. W. O. Bradley (republicar) having been elected to succeed McCreary (democrat) by reason of the failure of the democratic trajority in the legislature to agree. Teller of Colorad will be succeedof by Cherles J. Hughes of Denver, who was indersed by the democratic state convertion after Teller had declined to be a candidate for re-election. The legislature is democratic and former Governor

The eyes of the country are on Ohio because of the candidacy of Charles P. Taft, brother of the President-elect, for seat of Foraker, one of the most vigorous and picturesque characters in the resent Senate, and one who has declined relationship between Mr. Taft and the President-elect and the fact that the Cincinnati editor has been prominent in the councils of the republican party in Ohio for many years are powerful factors in the contest he is waging. The forces opposed to Mr. Taft's election, including as they do, Foraker, Representative Bur-ton, who placed Secretary Taft in nomination for the presidency, and who is recognized as one of his principal support-ers; Harry M. Daugherty and former Speaker Keifer must be reckoned with, especially if there should be a combination started between the forces led by Senator Foraker and Dick and the bers of the legislature friendly to Burton, are that Mr. Taft would go into the fight

The official announcement that there is to be a vacancy created in Pennsylvania through the resignation of Senator Knox is of too recent date to permit of the lin-ing up of aspirants for the keystone senatorship. Already, however, there have appeared in the field as probable candidates Representatives James Frances Burke and John Dalzell and George T. Oliver, all of Pittsburg. The fact that Pennsylvania is organized thoroughly along political lines indicates that the con-

test will prove extremely interesting. torial fights that will be settled in the The change of the complexion of the legislature from republican to democratic came so unexpectedly that it was like attractive prizes before runners that have had no opportunity to warm up.

Vessel Suffers In Storms.

London, December 20.-The Danish bark Havila, Captain Duysen, which arrived at Falmouth December 29, 50 days overdue from Tacoma, reports that during a terrific snow blizzard on October 15 four men were washed overboard. Three of the men were rescued, but the other, a German, named Tackenburg, was drowned. The vessel afterward encount-ered a fleet of icebergs,